

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. This unprecedented move would be direct electioneering by a corporate media giant -- and against federal election law. But they obviously feel they are above the law, and are serving their own partisan interests.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. One-sided programs like "Stolen Honor" do not serve the public interest, and are harmful to our democracy. Please use your powers of oversight to stop them from airing this piece. If they do air "Stolen Honor," they should be required to air a pro-Kerry program like "Going Upriver" shortly after.

When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them, and why we should stop media consolidation. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.